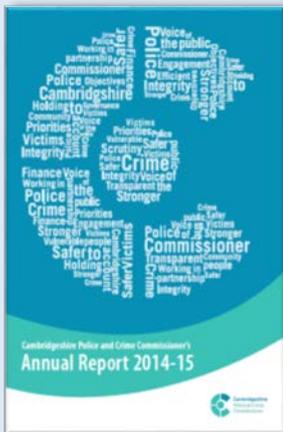




Welcome to the October edition of our monthly newsletter in which I highlight the recent progress we've made to enhance our response to crime in Cambridgeshire.

This month I am delighted to share our annual report for 2014-15. It shows how in a tough year of funding constraints frontline officer numbers were maintained while still saving £4.9m in the budget and enhancing services for vulnerable victims of crime. This is a remarkable achievement and testament to the dedicated team we have in place to implement the significant change needed to meet the challenges.



Key achievements during the year include the expansion of victims' support services through the launch of the Victims' Hub. This allows victims of crime to request face-to-face support to cope and recover from their experiences from specially trained staff based in the Victims' Hub. The Victims' Hub celebrates its first birthday on 01 October.

In addition, the roll out of mobile technology during the year has increased the amount of time officers can remain visible within their communities and reducing unnecessary travel to and from their base.

The full Annual Report is available on our website [here](#).

In the Annual Report we look back but looking forward I am also delighted to announce this month the appointment of Alec Wood as the new Chief Constable for Cambridgeshire.

Alec's 29 year policing career has seen him work in a number of forces, joining Cambridgeshire in 2013 as Deputy Chief Constable and latterly as Temporary Chief Constable. We are fortunate to have such a trusted, respected and capable person taking the helm of the county's police force.



Cambridgeshire needs a strong and competent leader to steer the police service through an uncertain financial future and one that can command the respect and support of the workforce. As a visionary Chief Constable, Alec will waste no time in building on the excellent work undertaken by his predecessor to continuously innovate and break new boundaries of service quality and delivery while also protecting our communities and meeting public expectations.

I very much look forward to working with Alec and his team to continue to provide the people of Cambridgeshire a police service they can trust and have confidence in.

Sir Graham Bright
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Business partnerships sought to develop volunteering

Police volunteers provide a valuable contribution to community safety, devoting their free time to boost the uniformed presence within the county's neighbourhoods and assisting warranted officers in protecting the public.

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright is committed to increasing the number of volunteers working with the Force providing individuals with opportunities to use their skills and experiences to support the police and their communities.

As a result, the Force is keen to forge relationships with businesses in the county which offer their employees opportunities to volunteer.

Some local companies offer their staff as much as one paid day off every month to enable them to work in the voluntary sector and the Force is keen to hear from businesses which could assist their volunteer recruitment plans.

If you work for a forward thinking company ask if they have a volunteering policy. Any business wishing to get involved should contact PS Emma Hilson at emma.hilson@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

Spotlight on Honour Based Violence

Around one in ten people still don't know what honour based violence is and the behaviour, attitudes and actions that constitute dishonour, according to a new poll.

The first ever official National Day of Memory for Britain's

Lost Women was held last month for the purposes of remembering the victims of honour killings and increasing attention on the issue.

As part of the national awareness event, organised by campaign charity Karma Nirvana in association with Cosmopolitan magazine, a poll was launched to assess public understanding of the crime.

The findings showed 9% of people didn't know what honour based violence was and the behaviour that constituted dishonour while 29% said they needed more information it.

In response, the organisation has publicised 10 important facts about honour based violence to increase awareness among the public.

Honour based violence is any crime or incident which has been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and/or community. It has the potential to be both a domestic abuse and child abuse issue.



Victims' Hub Anniversary

Cambridgeshire's pioneering Victims' Hub celebrated its first 12 months of service this month with a special birthday cake and a visit from Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Graham Bright.

Over 4,000 victims have received emotional and practical support to help them cope and recover from their experience of crime since the Victims' Hub launched on October 1, 2014. In addition to this, over 27,000 letters and emails have been sent to the victims of crime making them aware of the support available.

Importantly, victims do not have to formally report a crime to police to be able to access the service and can contact the Hub directly for support.

Steve Welby, Hub manager, said: "At its heart, this service is about protecting the vulnerable and ensuring



no victim of crime is ever forgotten. The feedback we've received has convinced me we are already meeting this vision and the service can only get better in the future."

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National Praise for Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Cambridgeshire Constabulary's adoption of new technology to improve efficiency and increase police visibility has been praised by the Home Secretary in a speech to the Police Superintendents' Association's annual conference.



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Speaking to an audience of England and Wales' most senior police officers at Kenilworth, Theresa May challenged all police forces to make the most of the available opportunities offered by technological advances.

This, she said, could reduce bureaucracy, save police time and improve interaction with the public.

In her address she said: "Cambridgeshire Constabulary predict that their use of tablet and mobile devices will save nearly quarter of a million officer hours a year - in addition to savings of £4 million on supplier spends, £1.3 million on estates and £2 million from joint protective services".

"And we know that around the country, body worn video is not just improving evidence gathering and public confidence in the police, but also saving time and reducing demand by encouraging early guilty pleas."

In Cambridgeshire, the implementation of mobile technology during the year has increased the amount of time officers can remain visible to their communities, allowing them to send and receive real-time information while out and about and reducing the need for them to return to a fixed base to complete paperwork. You will continue to see Cambridgeshire Constabulary utilising new technology wherever it can to offer an operational benefit.

New Unit to tackle Fraud and Cyber Crime

Cambridgeshire Constabulary's capacity and capability to tackle fraud and cybercrime is being enhanced with the launch of a specialist unit.

The Fraud and Cyber Investigation Unit (FCIU), which is based at headquarters, launched in September to provide a specialist response to cybercrime in recognition of how technology is changing criminality and crime investigation.

Working closely with the Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU), the FCIU will investigate cyber-dependant crimes and serious/complex cyber-enabled crimes as well as provide advice or assistance in other cyber and fraud related matters.

The unit, managed by DI Craig Harrison and supervised by DS Rich Oliver, consists of two teams; five detective constables make up the fraud investigation team and four detective/police constables make up the cyber investigation team. In addition, a cyber security adviser has also been appointed to liaise with external partners.

Officers will use 'online crime' markers when recording offences to flag up the cybercrime theme which will enable the FCIU to review the case.

[Find out more here](#)

Useful Links:

Cambridgeshire Police

www.cambs.police.uk

**Cambridgeshire
Neighbourhood Watch**

www.cambsnhw.org.uk

**Peterborough
Neighbourhood Watch**

www.peterboroughnhw.co.uk

Police UK

www.police.uk

**Cambridgeshire
Countryside
Watch**

www.cambscountrysidewatch.co.uk

**e-cops Cambridgeshire
Constabulary**

www.ecops.org.uk

Crimestoppers UK

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

**Government Services
Website**

www.gov.uk

**National Fraud and Cyber
Crime Reporting Centre**

www.actionfraud.police.uk

Speedwatch

www.cambridgeshirespeedwatch.org/

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Surgeries / Contact Points

Details about local surgeries, Police Contact Points and other events where Sir Graham Bright or his representatives will be present are regularly updated and listed on the Cambridgeshire PCC website. Click the link below for details:

[Find out more here](#)

Community Safety Partnerships

- [Safer Peterborough Partnership](#)
- [Fenland Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [South Cambridgeshire Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership](#)
- [East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership](#)

MAKING CONTACT:

I know that it is important that you can keep up to date with what my Deputy, my team and I are doing. I am here to represent the public ensuring the voice of the people is heard and that the police are accountable to the public.

I pledged to be the voice of the people. You can contact me at any time to ask questions or put your views across.

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